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PURCHASE OF IRANIAN NBC SUITS

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Classified By: Political-Military Counselor Carl Siebentritt, reasons 1 .4 (b) and (d).

(S) MFA Arms Control Department Head Serhan Yigit notified us on January 19 that his office had contacted Norm Limited, the Turkish company listed in ref b as having offered to purchase NBC protective suits destined for the Turkish military from Iran, to determine whether the company had purchased such suits. According to Yigit, Norm Limited management confirmed correspondence with Iran about such a purchase but stated that the sale was never consummated and that the company was no longer interested in buying protective suits. Yigit said the MFA was confident that no transaction had taken place and that none was planned.

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